

Boston Harbor Region

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Characteristics



- Municipalities: Winthrop to Weymouth
- Watersheds: Chelsea, Mystic, Charles, Neponset, Weymouth Fore and Back Rivers
- ACECs: Neponset Estuary, Belle Isle Marsh, Back River
- Boston Harbor Islands
- Public beaches, recreational boating and fishing
- Port of Boston

Economic Uses

- Commercial shipping
- Designated Port Areas: Chelsea, East Boston, Mystic, South Boston, Fore River
- Air freight
- Seafood packaging and distribution
- Energy delivery, storage, generation
- Regional waste water treatment



Interrelationship Among Uses



- Public access / marine industries
- Commercial shipping / northern right whales
- Linear marine projects / fisheries / commercial shipping
- Port security

■ Residential development / noise, dirt and hours of operations of commercial shipping, maritime industries, and land based transportation.



Future Uses and Needs



- Transportation – dredging for shipping, maintenance of rail service, efficient highway access, public transportation, and separation commercial and recreational traffic
- Land use – plan for co-existence of residential, office and retail with maritime industries and related infrastructure
- Energy – safe and efficient transport, storage and generation of power to meet increasing local and regional demand

Management Approaches



- Boston Harbor Plans
- DPA Master Plans
- DPA boundary reviews
- ACEC Resource Management Plans

